

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of this application is requested. Claims 37-39, 120-145, 148, 150-153, 156, 158-162, 164, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173-179, 181, 184, 186, and 192-199 are in the case.

**I. ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER**

It is noted, with appreciation, that claims 37-97, 120-145, 148, 150-153, 156, 158-162, 164, 165, 167, 169, 171, 173-179, 181, 184, 186 and 192-197 are allowed. Claims 110 and 111 have been indicated to be allowable if rewritten. In light of that indication, new claims 198 and 199 are presented which are based on previous claims 110 and 111. No new matter is entered.

**II. CLAIM OBJECTIONS**

Claim 38 has been objected under 37 C.F.R. 1.75(c) as allegedly of improper dependent form. This objection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner states that claim 37 indicates that the active coating layer "is removed from the substrate as a wafer" and further states that "claim 38 which is dependent-on-claim.37 appears to recite the same step". This is not strictly correct.

Claim 37 states that the active coating is "removable from the substrate as a wafer comprising the active film layer". Claim 37 does not state that the active coating layer is "removed". Claim 38 is therefore not the same as claim 37, in that claim 38 adds the further step of removing the active coating layer from the substrate as a wafer

comprising the active film. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this objection are accordingly respectfully requested.

**III. THE OBVIOUSNESS REJECTIONS**

Certain claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over certain prior art. Without conceding to the merit of these rejections, and in order to reduce the issues, the rejected claims have been canceled without prejudice to pursuing the subject matter removed from this application in a separate continuing application. Thus, the claims remaining in the application are those indicated to be allowable in the first paragraph appearing on page 2 of the Action. Withdrawal of the outstanding obviousness rejections is accordingly respectfully requested.

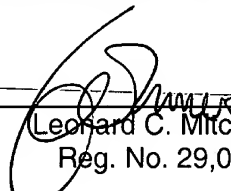
Allowance of the application is awaited.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned "**Version With Markings To Show Changes Made.**"

Respectfully submitted,

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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE**

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Claims 98-119, 146, 147, 149, 154, 155, 157, 163, 166, 168, 170, 172, 180, 182, 183, 185, 187, 188, 189, 190 and 191 are canceled without prejudice.

New claims 198 and 199 are added.